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# THE THREAT FROM CUBA

Mrs. SMITH. Mr. President, I have received a communication from a group of women in Hawaii expressing concern about a continuation of a threat from Cuba and requesting that the Senate Committee on Armed Services investigate the matter.

I have forwarded the letter on to the chairman of the committee for his consideration.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter, together with the signatures, be placed in the body of the RECORD at this point.

There being no objection, the letter and signatures were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

HONOLULU, HAWAII,  
 January 11, 1963.

Hon MARGARET O. SMITH,  
 Senator from Maine, Member, Senate Committee on Armed Services, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

My DEAR SENATOR: We are writing to you because we, as citizens of Hawaii, have no direct representative on the Committee on Armed Services, and because we have such high regard for your wisdom and integrity. The press, on January 8, carried the news that the Cuban crisis has now been officially terminated by the filing with the United Nations of an agreement between our Government and Russia. The agreement does not permit ground inspection of Cuba to prove removal of all offensive weapons. On the other hand, we do not guarantee that there will be no invasion of Cuba.

The White House stated several times during the weeks following October 22, that on-site inspections in Cuba were essential to the security of the United States. There is nothing in the record of Communist behavior, philosophy, or tactics to refute the soundness of this statement. Then why are we giving up that which is necessary to our security? And why are we demobilizing our invasion forces thereby rendering incredible the threat that we might invade to assure our security? Is not the result to present Khrushchev with a privileged sanctuary in the Western Hemisphere for infiltration and subversion of all Latin America?

When we kept within our grasp the removal of the threat of Communist Cuba, why have we ended in this futile and dangerous compromise? May we request that the Senate, through its appropriate committee, investigate the handling of the Cuban crisis, the failure of action until we were literally looking down the throats of intermediate range missiles, the failure to demand and secure the removal of submarines and the cessation of further construction thereof, the failure to obtain the removal of all Russian and Chinese personnel, "technicians," and the failure to demand ground inspection of Cuba.

It is vital that the Senate ascertain the source of our weakness. Is it in the CIA? Is it in the State Department? Is it in the White House advisers? Is it our representation in the U.N.? Can it be that our security is being jeopardized by the political and ideological interpretation of this situation by an unwillingness to support a Communist determination to rule the world, whether through war or otherwise?

Our country should know that we are not only to their elected representatives in the Senate to investigate this matter fairly, exonerate those who are innocent, and to the people of the United States.

In the meanwhile we strongly urge the institution of a Cuban quarantine or blockade against all military equipment. Time magazine of January 11, 1963, states, "Though the Russians have removed their bombers and nuclear rockets, they are apparently still pumping 'defensive' arms into Castro's island fortress. A new estimate . . . [includes]: More than 100 Mig jet fighters, including 39 supersonic, late-model Mig 21's. At the time of the Cuban crisis in October, Castro had only two or three Mig 21's." A competent authority advises us that these Migs can carry nuclear bombs to strategic eastern coastal areas. The line between offensive and defensive weapons is nonexistent.

We urge your thoughtful consideration of these requests.

Respectfully yours,

Maybelle B. McCleery, Henriette G. Rutsch, Jill Willes, Aileen R. Soule, Julia W. D. Tullis, Anna Walthen, Helen A. Manger, Millicent Carson, Tahmi M. Humpert, Irene Y. Trethewey, Flora Brodeur, Charlotte H. Spiegelberg, Dorothy R. Beet, Ruby W. Wolmann, Joyce Secondine, Elaine R. Kellerman, Louise Billingham, Polly B. Whittier, France Lindsay, Dora L. Beyer, Blanche Fires, Elizabeth D. Chamberlain, Margaret Grimshaw, Alice Sumpich, Walli Yardley, Frances Dillingham, Katie S. Wyard, Jackie Castle, Mildred Ault, Muriel C. Damon, May R. Danford.